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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A NOTICE FOR PRIVATE DUTY NURSES

DEAR EDITOR: As Secretary of the Private Duty Nurses' Section of the American Nurses' Association, it will be my duty to give a full report at the biennial convention to be held in Seattle, Washington, in June, as to what the private duty nurses throughout the United States have done regarding the forming of Sections in their State Associations. I shall appreciate a prompt reply as to whether your nurses have such a Section, also the names of the officers with a copy of your by-laws. Although the time is short, let us make the meeting of the Private Duty Nurses' Section the most interesting one of the Convention. To do this the combined help of the private duty nurses will be needed. Will you not coöperate by sending a paper to be read, or a question for discussion? Can we not tell of the splendid work the private duty nurses have done and are doing, and of the things that they propose to do in the future? This is not the time to give up the ship, but to show the lay people, and others in our own profession who it is that is doing the nursing in these glorious United States of ours.

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NOTICE TO "THE EMIGRANTS"

DEAR EDITOR: Arrangements are being made for a reunion at the coming biennial convention of the American Nurses' Association, June 26, in Seattle, of the "Emigrants," that group of members of the Association who traveled across country to the San Francisco Convention in 1908. Since there were two coaches full of them, it is hoped that a considerable group may gather together this June for a review of those good old times. Details of the luncheon reunion will be posted at the Conference Headquarters in Seattle. Those who cannot attend, but who would like to send a word of greeting to the "Emigrants," may do so by sending the message to Ellen V. Robinson, 308 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

A FATHER'S DEVOTION

DEAR EDITOR: Little Arthur, four years old, was brought to the children's clinic, to the eye specialist. He had ulcers on both eyes and it was diagnosed as *probably* hopeless, as far as his ever being able to see was concerned. "But," added the doctor, "with utmost asepsis and carefully following instructions and patiently reporting to the clinic every week, he might be benefited." The father, an invalid unable to work and scarcely able to walk, was instructed about the care of eyes. He must wash his hands carefully before drops and ointment were applied, etc., and bring the child to the clinic every week, which he faithfully did for four successive months. The result is, Arthur can see to run about by himself; he goes to school; the scar on each eye is hardly discernible, and when the nurse happened to be making calls in that part of the city the other day, little Arthur was conducting a miniature band with all the grace and bravado of his ancestors.

New Hampshire

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